

Serial No.: 09/516,849
Examiner: Anita Choudhary

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 28-37 remain in this application. Claims 1-27 and 38 have been canceled. Claims 28 and 33 have been amended.

In the outstanding official actions, independent claims 28 and 33 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended claims 28 and 33 herein pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn and that claims 28 and 33 are in condition for allowance.

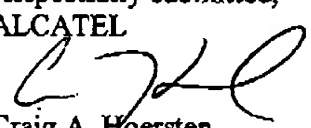
Claims 29-32 and 34-37 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to contain allowable subject matter. As claims 29-32 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 28, and claims 34-37 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 33, and therefore incorporate all the respective limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claims 28 and 33, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and requests allowance of claims 28-37. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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